



MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Michele Walker, Director
Office of Student Assessment
DATE: April 8, 2014
RE: Proposal to Move “CoreLink” Administration to Fall

Proposed Testing Dates

Assessment	Current Testing Dates	Proposed Testing Dates	Test Session Time
Indiana’s College-and-Career Ready Assessment – Phase 1 <i>(aligned to newly adopted Indiana Academic Standards for ELA & Mathematics)</i>	May 5 - 23, 2014	September 2 - 30, 2014	Session 1: Math 30 Min Session 2: ELA 30 Min

As part of the transition to college-and-career ready assessments, the Indiana Department of Education planned to administer test questions from CTB’s “CoreLink” item bank in May of 2014 to students in grades 3-8.

In the planning for the administration of the CTB “CoreLink” test questions the Department has been very sensitive to the feedback from the field with regards to this first time implementation.

Therefore, the Department proposes moving the “CoreLink” administration to the fall of 2014, as this would provide the opportunity to:

- Align Indiana’s College-and-Career Ready Assessment – Phase 1 test questions with newly adopted Indiana Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics (2014);
- Provide access to the assessment for all students, including currently identified Special Education students participating in IMAST; and
- Enable iPad use during the administration.

Thank you for your consideration.